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Dear Sirs,

I've followed the US Department of Justice litigation against Microsoft for several years. It is my opinion that the US Department of Justice should not pursue further litigation against Microsoft.

Microsoft is a large benefit to the United States and the world today. They are innovators and market creators, and they have created more jobs than any other corporation in today's economy. The corporation has allowed small investors to become financially independent by creating individual investment opportunities for them.

More importantly; Microsoft has pioneered, developed, and led the market in a very successful technology that has allowed the United States to lead the world in data processing and machine communications.

How can the US Department of Justice think this is preventing competition? Microsoft has created opportunity for competition. This corporation has standardized the industry and fostered growth through excellence in design engineering. Competing corporations would have fractured industry standards which would have raised prices to the consumer and stifled growth.

If competing corporations had a better idea, a better mouse trap so to speak, and had been able to succeed in the market place, in real market place competition, they would have been the first to stifle competition. That seems to be the problem. Competing corporations were not able to compete in the market place and have resorted to influencing government litigation to stifle Microsoft.

This is my opinion and I thank you for allowing me to express myself.

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